

Executive Order No. 11-97

EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE MONTANA LIBRARY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, libraries and information resources are vital to democracy and essential to the education and well-being of all Montanans; and

WHEREAS, the benefits to be gained from cooperation and coordination among and between libraries include improved access to information for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, libraries face challenges of societal changes, new technologies, improved services to users and securing adequate funding; and

WHEREAS, the energies, interests, ideas and concerns of citizens would be expressed in the making of public policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of Montana, do hereby continue the Montana Library Services Advisory Council.

I. Purpose

The Council will advise and make recommendations to the

Montana State Library Commission on the development, evaluation and funding of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program and other pertinent issues that may relate to or affect LSTA.

II. COMPOSITION

The Council is composed of nine members appointed by the Montana State Library Commission and who are selected from the following groups:

Academic libraries

Library users in Western Montana

Public libraries

Montana Library Association

School libraries

Persons who are unable to use traditional library services

Library users in Eastern Montana

Library users in Central Montana

The members who shall serve shall be submitted by separate appointment letters to the Secretary of State.

III. ADMINISTERING AGENCY

The Montana State Library is designated as the agency responsible for the administration and management of the Council.

IV. DURATION

This Council shall exist for a period of two years from the effective date of this Order unless otherwise ordered by

subsequent Executive Order. 1 | This Order is effective immediately. GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 20^{10} day of $\sqrt{\text{July}}$, 1997. ATTEST: Secretary of State 1.4

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